

## Chapter III

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

#### 202 (XXXVI). Regional co-operation in environmental policy, management and law

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia  
and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* the goals and principles of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, and the relevant recommendations of other United Nations conferences such as the United Nations Conference on Desertification, the United Nations Water Conference, Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and the 1974 World Population Conference,

*Taking note* of the report of the ESCAP/UNEP Intergovernmental Meeting on Environmental Protection Legislation, held at Bangkok from 4 to 7 July 1978,

*Further recalling* the recommendation of the Commission at its thirty-fifth session that the institutional and legal framework for environmental protection and management should be developed or strengthened and environmental awareness at the national level created or enhanced,

*Aware* of the importance of environmental policy, management and legislation for the proper implementation of environmental objectives,

*Recognizing* that the resources of the environment should be held in common trust for all people now and in the future,

1. *Urges* Governments of its members and associate members to give due recognition to the desires and duties expressed in the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, through appropriate environmental policies, legislation and administrative implementation, and through comprehensive national and, to the extent feasible, regional environmental management, in order:

(a) To reduce environmental pollution and degradation to the lowest practicable levels consistent with national long-term socio-economic development and well-being, in accordance with sound standards of public health and ecosystemic management;

(b) To ensure that the potentially adverse impacts of development activities on urban and rural environments, and on natural ecosystems, including the seas and oceans of the world and flora and fauna, are effectively taken into account and minimized;

(c) To ensure that the use of renewable and non-renewable resources is consistent with sound environmental management in the interest of long-term economic productivity, healthful and aesthetically pleasant surroundings, and the best use of the resources of the seas and oceans for the benefit of all mankind;

(d) To establish a basis for technology assessment processes to ensure that technology appropriate and beneficial to, and compatible with, local needs and environmental concerns, is adopted;

(e) To give fullest consideration to avoiding possible adverse effects on the environment and ecosystems of other countries, while undertaking industrial and other activities;

2. *Appeals* to all Governments of its members and associate members:

(a) To incorporate declarations of comprehensive national environmental policy into constitutional instruments or to promulgate such declarations in other legislative forms;

(b) To co-ordinate and eventually integrate national development planning and national environmental policy and law, taking into account, where appropriate, internationally recognized environmental norms and guidelines;

(c) To seek to the extent feasible the views of the general public on decisions which affect the environment in which they live and work;

(d) To emphasize the role of environmental education and management;

(e) To seek to ratify existing international conventions relating to the environment and to implement those conventions through national legislation;

(f) To support bilateral, subregional and regional efforts in the field of environmental policy, management and law;

3. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with other organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Environment Programme, to promote and support regional co-operation for the formulation of national environmental policies, the execution of programmes and the improvement of legislation in the region;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to identify the environmental dimensions of the sectoral programmes of the Commission in order to ensure co-ordination of environmental activities within the Commission and to promote co-ordination with other agencies;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue and strengthen the Programme's support to the secretariat of the Commission for the effective implementation of its programme in the field of the environment.

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#### 203 (XXXVI). Integration of women in the development process

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 proclaiming the year 1975 International Women's Year,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolutions 3276 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 on the World Conference of the International Women's Year and 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on women and development, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1959 (LIX) of 28 July 1975 concerning the World Conference of the International Women's Year, as well as other relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development and on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against them,

*Taking note* of the principles of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975, and the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, and also the resolutions of the Conference relating to the full integration of women in development,

*Recognizing* that the results of the Conference, in particular the World Plan of Action, indicate that the role of women in the development process must be made an integral part of the global project for the establishment of a new economic order,

*Recalling* its own resolution 157 (XXXI) on a Regional Plan of Action for the Enhancement of the Role of Women in Development,

*Bearing in mind* the special provision on the integration of women in rural development made by the Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, the relevant recommendations of the Committee on Agricultural Development at its third session, and the resolution on women, science and technology adopted by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

*Recognizing* that women constitute a vast potential force in the process of economic and social change, as well as in the struggle against all forms of exploitation and oppression,

*Emphasizing* that accelerated development requires the real and effective participation of men and women in all areas of national activity and the creation of the necessary conditions for equality of rights, opportunities and responsibilities for men and women,

*Having considered* the report of the Regional Preparatory Conference for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, for the Asia and the Pacific region, held from 5 to 9 November 1979,

1. *Urges* all Governments to implement the recommendations of the Regional Preparatory Conference for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women as early as possible;

#### 2. *Requests* Governments:

(a) To create or strengthen, as appropriate, their national mechanisms, by the allocation of more human, physical and financial resources;

(b) To review laws and regulations which inhibit the effective participation of women in the economic, social and political spheres with a view to taking the necessary remedial measures and to promote such laws and regulations as would facilitate this process;

(c) To earmark an adequate proportion of resources for programmes pertaining to women's development;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to augment from the regular budget of the United Nations programme support to the Commission in order that member countries can be effectively assisted in implementing the recommendations of the Commission's Regional Preparatory Conference;

#### 4. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To strengthen regional programmes and projects for the integration of women;

(b) To promote intergovernmental efforts leading